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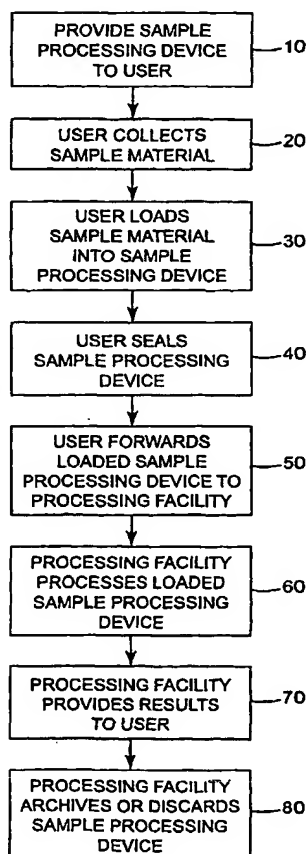
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(54) Title: METHODS OF PROCESSING SAMPLE PROCESSING DEVICES



(57) Abstract: The methods of the present invention may include some or all of the following activities: providing one or more sample processing devices to a user (10); collection of sample materials by the user (20); loading of the sample materials into one or more of the sample processing devices (including, optionally, the loading of reagents with or separate from the sample materials) (30); sealing of the sample processing devices by the user (40); forwarding of the loaded sample processing devices to a processing facility by the user (50); processing of the loaded sample processing devices by the processing facility in accordance with any instructions from the user (60); providing results of the processing to the user by the processing facility (70); and destruction, archival, or return of the processed sample processing devices as desired by the user (80).

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